



Learn a New Language

Sub-Award Opportunities for Short-Term 2011/2012 Intensive Language Programs

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National Security Language Initiative for Youth

NSLI for Youth (NSLI-Y) is part of a multi-agency U.S. government initiative launched in January 2006 to improve Americans' ability to engage with people from around the world who speak **Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian and Turkish**. The U.S. Department of State has awarded a cooperative agreement to American Councils to manage NSLI-Y. American Councils solicits proposals from non-profit organizations (local schools, school districts, universities, and private organizations) to implement six- to eight-week overseas intensive language programs in Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian and Turkish during 2011/2012. NSLI-Y language-focused programs for American high school students ages 15 to 18.5 immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country through formal daily classroom instruction and informal language practice opportunities. American Councils publishes a Request for Proposals in September.

- **Pre-Bid Informational Teleconferences for organizations interested in submitting proposals: October 7 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST and October 27 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. EST**
- **Deadline for submitting a proposal to American Councils: November 12, 2010**
- **Anticipated award date: January 19, 2011**

Local and Partner Sub-Award Opportunities

During 2011/2012, there are two types of sub-award opportunities: Local Sub-Awardees and Partner Sub-Awardees.

Local Sub-Awardees may define their own applicant pool and select their own program participants by recruiting applicants within their local geographic region in order to support and augment local language programs and institutions. Local sub-awardees must clearly identify concrete and specific ways in which a NSLI-Y sub-award will enable them to develop or advance their participants' language learning and how it will support language programs at local institutions.

Partner Sub-Awardees will be assigned participants from the national pool of students recruited and selected through the nationwide NSLI-Y Consortium application process. Partner sub-grantees supplement the NSLI-Y Consortium's efforts to meet the programming needs of a robust and extremely competitive national pool of applicants.

Local and partner sub-awardees are encouraged to make a strong connection between or among existing NSLI programs, including STARTALK, The Language Flagship, the Critical Language Scholarships, Teacher of Critical Language Programs and Summer Intensive Language Institutes for Teachers in order to create greater cohesion among U.S. government-funded language programs.



NSLI-Y Goals

- Improve the ability of Americans to engage with people from around the world who speak Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, and Turkish
- Develop a cadre of Americans with advanced linguistic skills and related cultural understanding
- Develop additional language study opportunities for U.S. high school students
- Create new institutional language teaching capacity overseas
- Spark a lifetime interest in foreign cultures among American youth

Online Resources for Sub-Awardees

The NSLI-Y Request for Proposals (RFP) is available at the American Councils homepage: <http://www.americancouncils.org/>

NSLI for Youth on-line application for participants: <http://www.nsliforyouth.org/>

Department of State NSLI for Youth Website: <http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nqli.html>

For more information, please contact American Councils at 1.866.790.2086

